

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2009. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 14 and 15 being in independent form. By the present Amendment, claims 1-19 have been amended and claims 20 and 21 have been added. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present Amendment.

The Office Action requires restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-13 and 19;

Group II, claim 14; and

Group III, Claims 15-18.

Without conceding the propriety of this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I with traverse. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that it is believed that the claims are all sufficiently related that a search for art related to one of the groups of claims will necessarily reveal art related to the other groups of claims. Accordingly, the extra burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims would not be substantial.

The Office Action also indicates that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention and that Applicant is required to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species D, Figure 8. It is respectfully submitted that at least claims 1, 2, 15 and 19 are generic and that at least claims 12, 13, 16, 18 and 21 correspond specifically to the embodiment shown in Figure 8.

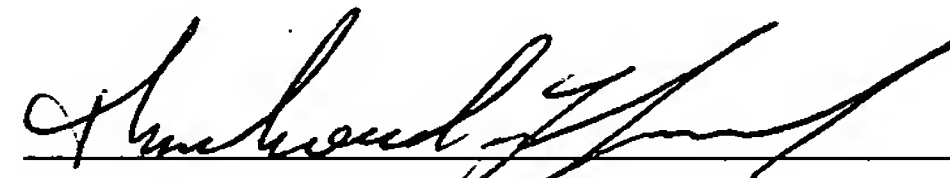
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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